पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) अभी तक प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार राजस्थान के वन क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन के 596 मामलों का पता चला है। अवैध खनन वाले क्षेत्र का परिकलन नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) यह सच नहीं है कि वन विभाग अवैध खनन में वन विभाग की मिली-भगत है। अवैध खनन कार्य को रोकने/नियंत्रित करने के लिए कानूनी कार्रवाही शुरु की गई है।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

Heavily Polluting Industries in the Country

990. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BABU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of industries in the country identified as heavily polluting the environment;

(b) what is the time limit specified by Government for these heavily polluting industries to install effluent treatment plants to bring down the pollution to the minimum;

(c) how many of these industries have enforced the safeguards prescribed by the Government;

(d) what are the reasons for non-compliance by the remaining heavily polluting industries; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There are 1629 units in the identified 17 categories of heavily polluting industries in the country.

(b) Government have issued a notification on 12.2.92 according to which, industries that were commissioned on or before May 16, 1981 and after May 16, 1981 are required to take steps to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1992, and December 31, 1993 respectively.

(c) and (d) According to the information given by the Central Pollution control Board, 805 units are fully complying with the standards, 76 units are closed and 555 units that were commissioned prior to May 16, 1981 are to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1993.

(e) The State Governments have been asked to take legal action against the defaulting units.

Investigation into Helicopter Accident in Kalaghar Dam

991. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee headed by Additional Inspector General (Wild Life) to investigate the helicopter accident in Kalaghar dam;

(b) what is the constitution of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, what are the findings and the action taken thereon; and

(e) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Government had directed the Addl. IGF(WL) to investigate into the helicopter accident in Kalaghar Dam. Mr. S. Deb Roy a member of the Steering Committee of Project Tiger also accompanied him to facilitate the enquiry.

(c) The Add. IGF(WL) has since submitted his report.

(d) The findings of the report are:

(i) There were cases of illegal landings of helicopters within Corbett Tiger Reserve.